

# The Brentwood CONNECTION

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## The Benefits of Shopping Locally

**B**rentwood has more than 1.7 million square feet of local retail – the largest amount in the East Contra Costa region – and has become one of the most desirable shopping destinations in the county. To enhance your local shopping experience visit [www.everythingbrentwood.com](http://www.everythingbrentwood.com), where you can search for a local retailer by category or specific location, or just browse the shopping directory. You can find almost any category of product and service within Brentwood city limits, which makes it easy to reap the many benefits of shopping locally.

Local retailers play a critical role in our community, by providing the #1 source of local jobs, giving our neighborhoods vitality and character, supporting local charities and sponsoring community events, and providing the #1 source of tax revenue for the funding of City services such as police, parks, and recreation. Looking at a larger scale, local shops often stock a high percentage of locally sourced goods that do not require long-distance transportation, helping to reduce our global carbon footprint. As a consumer of local goods, you are contributing to all of the above, while saving yourself time and fuel. Plus, surveys have shown that people receive better customer care and a higher standard of service when they shop locally.

**For more information:**  
**Community Development (925) 516-5405**  
or visit [www.shop-brentwood.com](http://www.shop-brentwood.com)

## Santa's Helper – Shop 'til You Drop Daycare

**D**o you need to finish up your holiday shopping without children in tow? Parks and Recreation will offer daycare for 5 hours on Saturday, December 8, at the Community Center for a very reasonable nominal fee. Children ages 4-10 will participate in games, arts-and-crafts, gingerbread house decorating, watching movies, enjoying snacks, and other activities. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

**For more information:**  
**Parks & Recreation (925) 516-5444**



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## A Letter from Santa

**W**e are excited to offer, for the first time, a personal letter from the "North Pole" for your special little "believer". Letters vary and may cover topics such as weather conditions, reindeer health, Mrs. Claus and the elves, keeping track of Santa, and the spirit of Christmas. Every effort is made not to duplicate letters mailed to the same residence. Registration and \$6 fee required no later than Friday, December 13, 2012.

**For more information:**  
**Parks & Recreation**  
**(925) 516-5444**



## Holiday Shopping Tips

**T**he holiday season is a time when busy people can become more vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The following tips from the Brentwood Police Department can help you be more careful, prepared, and aware.

- Purses and wallets are the prime targets of criminals in crowded places. Carry your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash and avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Wait until asked before taking out your credit card or checkbook. An enterprising thief would love to "shoulder surf" to get your account information.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen, or misused.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps. Take a friend with you or ask a store employee to help you to the car.
- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat and around the car before getting in.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, con artists may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.
- Do not leave valuables visible in your car.
- If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you are separated from each other. Select a central meeting place. Teach them to know they can ask mall personnel or store security employees if they need help.

*If you see anyone acting suspiciously, notify the Brentwood Police Department immediately at (925) 778-2441.*



## Christmas Tree Disposal

**T**he City of Brentwood recommends disposing of your Christmas tree in one of the following ways: 1) Local organizations will be collecting Christmas trees for recycling. For more information, call (925) 634-7933; 2) Unflocked trees may be recycled by removing all decorations, cutting the tree into sections of three feet or less, and placing the cuttings in the green waste cart for collection; or 3) The City will pick up flocked or uncut trees for a fee.

**For more information: Public Works/Solid Waste Division (925) 516-6090**

## 'Report It!' A Free Smartphone Application for City Work Requests

The City of Brentwood offers a free smartphone application to submit work requests for issues such as water leaks, potholes, graffiti, weed abatement, and malfunctioning street lights/signal lights. The application is available for Android and iPhone users with the Blackberry application forthcoming. Android users can download the application through the Market and iPhone users through the App Store. Search the application by typing "Brentwood Report It" and click "Download."

**For more information: Public Works/Operations: (925) 516-6000**

## Water Conservation – Fix a Leak

**D**id you know that an American home can waste, on average, more than 10,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets and other household leaks? That's why the City of Brentwood would like to remind residents to check their plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems throughout the year for leaks. To learn how to identify leaks or to schedule a free water use survey, contact Diana Williford at (925) 516-6045 or visit [www.brentwoodca.gov](http://www.brentwoodca.gov).

### How Much Water Do We Use?



Source: American Water Works Association Research Foundation, "Residential End Uses of Water," 1999

## Fats, Oils, and Kitchen Grease

**F**ats, oils, and grease continue to be the leading cause of sewer backups and overflows in Brentwood. Sewer overflows are difficult and expensive to clean, and have the potential to result in the City being fined by the State. Please help us minimize the chance of fines by properly disposing of grease and oil in the garbage, not the kitchen sink.

**For more information: Public Works/Wastewater Division (925) 516-6060**

## King Park Dog Area Expansion

**T**he King Park dog area has recently been expanded and renovated. Improvements include synthetic turf and various site amenities, as well as the addition of a small dog area. These improvements were funded by East Bay Regional Park Measure WW and coordinated by the Parks and Recreation Department.

**For more information: Parks & Recreation (925) 516-5444**

## Tips to Prepare Your Home for the Rainy Season

1. Caulk cracks around windows and doors. Check old caulk every year for chips and cracks.
2. Get your roof ready. Ensure there are not any missing, loose or broken shingles/tiles.
3. Protect basement walls by sealing them with a cement or concrete sealer.
4. Check trees in your yard and remove any dead branches, which could fall during heavy rain.
5. Remove leaves and debris from gutters and drains.
6. Turn off automated sprinkler systems when rain is expected.
7. Have a flashlight and batteries on hand.
8. Keep important documents in an easily accessible, waterproof box.
9. Know how to turn your electricity off in the event your house gets flooded. Make sure not to turn it back on until everything has dried out.
10. Stock up on sand and sandbags to fill in low areas around your home. Upon showing proof of Brentwood address, residents may pick up sand bags (limit 10 per household) from the City's Public Works Corporation Yard located at 2201 Elkins Way, Monday - Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## Proper Disposal of Pharmaceutical Products

**R**esearch is now being done to help state and federal regulators determine how pharmaceutical products affect the quality of our streams, rivers and lakes, and what limits will be imposed on cities that discharge traces of some pharmaceutical products in wastewater. Please refrain from flushing your unused pharmaceutical products down the toilet, as they may contaminate the water in which fish or other wildlife eat and, in turn, absorb the chemicals and pass them on to humans. For proper disposal, contact your medical care provider, local pharmacy, or Delta Diablo Sanitation District Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, (925) 756-1900, [www.ddsd.org](http://www.ddsd.org).

**For more information: Public Works/Wastewater Division (925) 516-6060**

## Keep Storm Drains Clean

Storm drains flow into creeks and the Delta. Please do your part to keep storm drain inlets located near homes, landscape areas, or gardens clean in order to prevent waste from entering the storm drain system.

**For more info: Public Works/Wastewater Division (925) 516-6060**

## Leaf Bags

Free leaf bags are available to residents during the fall months. Please fill these bags with leaves only, and place the bags curbside on your regular yard waste pickup day. Leaf bags can be picked up from City Hall located at 150 City Park Way.

**For more information: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000**

## Under Construction

### Capital Improvement Projects:

- Solid Waste Transfer Station at the City Corporation Yard is currently under construction. Expected completion: September 2013
- American Ave. traffic signal installation at Heritage High School and construction of sidewalk extension at Grant St. is under construction. Expected completion: December 2012
- Pavement Management Program—pavement overlays on portions of Sellers Ave., O'Hara Ave., and Sand Creek Rd. are under construction. Expected completion: November 2012
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent 3-Way Diversion Valve Structure is under construction. Expected completion: November 2012
- LED Street Light Conversion Phase 1 for Balfour Rd., Walnut Blvd., and Fairview Ave. is expected to start construction in November 2012. Expected completion: Spring 2013
- PG&E Gas Line Replacement along Fairview Ave. from Lone Tree Way to southerly city limits is expected to start in March 2013. Expected completion: Summer 2013

### Developer Projects:

- The Developer of Prewett Ranch (north of Grant St. and east of Brentwood Blvd.) is currently working on park and trail improvements within the subdivision. Expected completion: Summer 2013
- The Developer of the Grove at Sunset Court is constructing a 54-unit apartment complex on the east side of Brentwood Blvd. between Havenwood Ave. and Sunset Court, and is currently installing underground utilities. Construction will continue into next year.

### Regional Transportation Projects:

- State Route 4/Sand Creek Road interchange and widening from Lone Tree Way to just south of San Jose Ave. is under construction. Expected completion: March 2014
- State Route 4 Widening and eBART: Loveridge Road bridge, new median, and eBART bridges over Century Blvd. are under construction. Expected completion: early 2014.

**For more information: Public Works/Engineering (925) 516-5420**

### East Bay Regional Park Measure WW Projects:

- Veterans Park Bocce Court Improvements is nearing completion. Improvements include shade structures and wheelchair access.
- Universal Abilities Playground at Veterans Park is currently under construction. Expected completion: December 2012.

**For more information: Parks & Recreation (925) 516-5444**





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### Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

**T**his year's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will return to Downtown in the beautifully renovated City Park. ***This year's celebration will take place on Friday, November 30, 2012.*** Festivities will start at 6 p.m. and include music, singing, a visit from Santa, and light refreshments, followed at



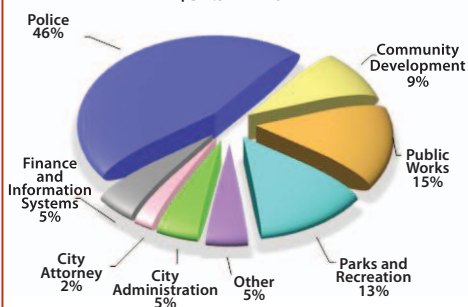
7 p.m. by the official lighting of the Christmas tree. This "holiday happening" is sponsored by the City of Brentwood and the Brentwood Advisory Neighborhood Committee (BANC).

**For more information:  
Parks & Recreation (925) 516-5444**

### The 2012/13 – 2013/14 Operating Budget

**T**he 2012/13 - 2013/14 Operating Budget was adopted by the City Council on June 26. The City's Operating Budget allocates resources to fund all of the services provided by the City including police, parks and recreation, street maintenance and water, sewer, and garbage services.

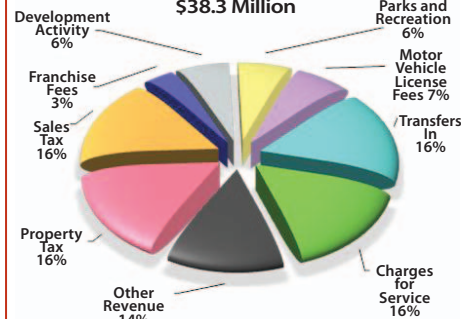
**General Fund Expenditures by Department**  
\$37.9 Million



The savings from recent labor negotiations have helped allow the General Fund budget to remain balanced while continuing to maintain 30% of annual expenses in reserves.

**For more information:  
Finance & Information  
Systems (925) 516-5460**

**General Fund Revenue by Source**  
\$38.3 Million



### City Council, City Staff

#### City Council:

Robert Taylor, *Mayor*  
Steve Barr, *Vice Mayor*  
Robert A. Brockman, *Council Member*  
Joel R. Bryant, *Council Member*  
Erick Stonebarger, *Council Member*

#### City Administration:

City Manager – Paul Eldredge  
Assistant City Manager – Karen Chew  
City Attorney – Damien Brower  
City Clerk – Margaret Wimberly

#### Community Development

– Casey McCann, *Director*

#### Finance & Information Systems

– Pam Ehler, *Director*

#### Parks & Recreation

– Craig Bronzan, *Director*

#### Police

– Mark Evenson, *Chief of Police*

#### Public Works

– Bailey Grewal, *Director/City Engineer*

Please refer to our website for City Council, City Meetings and City Phone Numbers ■ City General Phone: 516-5400 ■ City Hearing Impaired: 516-5409

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